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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

[EIS No. 2011-13640]

Retraction of Salt River Allotments Vegetative Management EIS

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Retraction of NOI.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service has published a Notice of Intent (NOI) on May 25, 2011 for Salt River Allotments Vegetative Management EIS. This Environmental Impact Statement was first designed due to complexities encountered with a variety of current activities and environmental conditions that interconnect along Salt River. These activities include: white water rafting, wilderness values, critical habitat of aquatic and terrestrial species. Planned livestock grazing project included a desire by term-grazing permittees to graze livestock (i.e., cattle) along river.

DATES: Not Applicable

ADDRESSES: No further comments will be received on this project.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Selecting to do an EIS upfront was a shortcut for doing an EA and then not being able to certify proposed action did not have a significant impact in a FONSI. However, through discussions with term-grazing permittees, it was determined that if livestock were allowed to graze along river that neither Forest Service nor term-grazing permittees had time or money to conduct monitoring necessary to determine appropriateness of this proposed action along river corridor. By withdrawing complexity inherent in proposed action to graze along river, need for an EIS evaporated. Therefore, project planning will continue through an EA process. Environmental Impact Statement will be retracted on [INSERT THE DATE OF **FEBRUARY 18, 2015**, IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

Dated: February 17, 2015.

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